

Evangelist Sucker-Punched in Throat While Preaching in West Hollywood, Thyroid Cracked

A Christian evangelist was recently assaulted during a street outreach in the “Rainbow District” in West Hollywood.

Saturday, August 15, 2026, around 2:00 a.m., David Ramirez of Kingdom Enterprises, a evangelism and outreach ministry, was participating in an evangelistic outreach when he was violently attacked for sharing the Gospel on a street corner.

In the video footage, Ramirez is seen hugging a member of the LGBT community after sharing that he loved everyone there but did not want them to go to hell, when an unidentified assailant came up from behind and “sucker punched” him. In the video, Ramirez turns, and immediately the assailant punches him two more times in the throat and walks away as those around begin to yell at and curse Ramirez. Immediately after, he is heard praising God and thanking Jesus, but within moments his voice disappears, and he is unable to speak.



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When the police were called, they were uncooperative in searching for the assailant. Upon the advice of paramedics, Ramirez was later taken to the hospital, and it was found that the assault cracked cartilage in his thyroid and led to massive swelling in his vocal cords. He was quickly checked in and given strong steroids to diminish the swelling in his throat.

Throat injuries are known in the medical community to be some of the most life-threatening injuries. All combat sports prohibit punches or kicks to the throat due to their deadly nature. Though Ramirez's injuries are serious and he cannot preach for four to six weeks without the risk of surgery, he is currently recovering and in good spirits.

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